

MINUTES

Town of North
March 10, 2014
North Town Hall

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Council members Jones, Carson, Lane and Washington. Also in attendance were Chief Mark Fallaw and Town Clerk Carrie Garrett.

Mayor Jeffcoat led Council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jeffcoat declared a quorum and welcomed visitors.

Council member Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2014 regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council member Carson, and upon vote minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Marshall Jackson spoke to council regarding his desire to see economic development in the Town of North. Mr. Jackson inquired of Council what is being done to promote economic development. Mayor Jeffcoat responded that counters were put out on Highway 178 and Highway 321 and it was determined that there is not enough traffic to support a fast food restaurant. Council member Lane responded that Family Dollar is planning to build a "super" store here in North with construction starting very soon. This store should stock most grocery items with the exception of fresh meats and produce. Council member Washington responded that he has written a letter to a grocery store chain to try to spark interest in having a grocery store to locate in North.

Water/Sewer Report:

Rick Bryan presented the Water/Sewer report for February, 2014 (copy attached). Bryan addressed the sewer spill on Carolina Avenue at Palmetto Avenue from last month, and that we are still awaiting recommendations from DHEC. Bryan also addressed the issue of split line services in our area (water and sewer). He explained the problems associated with these services arise from the town's liability being transferred from the property line at the right-of-way to the point of the split, and the town would have obtain easements and maintain those easements permanently. Bryan asked Council to consider the issue and to develop a policy for this issue that will be uniform to all system customers.

Police Report:

Chief Fallaw reviewed the North Police report for February, 2014 (copy attached). Chief Fallaw mentioned the Norway Crime Meeting and the expression by residents about being fed up with property crimes. Chief Fallaw noted that there are no circumstances which make it appropriate to use deadly force to protect property. He also announced the OC Taskforce on Crime and his plan to participate.

Old Business:

- Jeffcoat reviewed the financial statement for February, 2014.

New Business:

- Community of Character Trait for March is Honesty.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Jeffcoat announced that the Orangeburg County Administrator has confirmed that the County will pick up limbs that are placed on the right-of-way. However, there is no estimated time line as to when that will take place.

- Mayor Jeffcoat also noted that if citizens want access to the restrooms at Drew-Owen Park on the weekend, those citizens need to obtain a key from Town Hall (with a \$5 deposit) during regular working hours prior to the weekend.

Council Announcements:

- None.

Executive Session:

Council member Lane made a motion to adjourn to executive session regarding a contractual matter. Motion was seconded by Council member Washington and upon vote carried unanimously. Regular meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Jeffcoat called the regular meeting back to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Comments:

- None

There being no further business, Council member Lane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Garrett